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### IDENTIFICATION OF DRAWING DEFICIENCIES

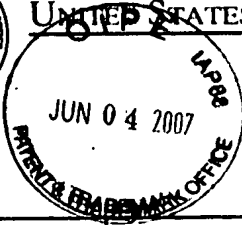
- ☐ There is a hole or the image thereof within the illustration. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The character of the lines, numbers and letters is poor. FIG(s) 9
- ☐ The illustration is penetrated or traversed by a solid or broken line that is not intended to be part of the drawing, such as a dark line caused by a flaw in the copying process. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ An ink stamp or an image obscures part of the illustration. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The drawing is marred by black smudges, obliterations, or fax/copier marks. FIG(s) 9
- ☐ Figure numbers are duplicated or missing. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Numbers, letters, or reference characters in the drawing have been crossed out by hand or are illegibly handwritten. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The drawing's background shows that the original drawing was made on graph paper or other paper with a pattern or decoration. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The FIG. number label is placed in a location that causes the drawing to be read upside down. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Data, a reference number, or part of the drawing is truncated or missing. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The drawing is continued onto a second page (or more) without proper labeling under 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1). FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The drawing and/or the FIG. label contain(s) foreign language. FIG(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Color drawings are present in this application but the following 37 CFR 1.84(a) requirements have not been met\*:
- ☐ Petition filed
  - ☐ Petition fee
  - ☐ 3 sets of color drawings
  - ☐ Color drawing paragraph

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